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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: EAIR, CH, HK  
SUBJECT: HONG KONG-CANTON FLIGHTS MAY BEGIN SOON

1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED: HONG KONG'S ENGLISH-LANGUAGE  
STANDARD AND PRC-CONTROLLED TA KUNG PAO REPORTED SEPTEMBER  
12-13 THAT CHARTER AIR PASSENGER SERVICE BETWEEN HONG KONG  
AND CANTON WILL BEGIN SOON. UNOFFICIALLY OCTOBER 12 IS  
GIVEN AS THE DATE FOR THE FIRST FLIGHT.

2. THE START UP FOR PASSENGER SERVICE WILL BE INEMIME TO  
HANDLE THE LARGE NUMBER OF VISITORS EXPECTED TO ATTEND THIS  
FALL'S CANTON FAIR, OCTOBER 15-NOVEMBER 12. ONE WAY FARE  
WILL BE ABOUT US\$43.00 FOR THE 35 MINUTE TRIP FROM HONG  
KONG KAI TAK AIRPORT TO CANTON'S PAIYUN AIRPORT. IT IS  
EXPECTED THAT PRC-OWNED BRITISH-BUILT TRIDENT JET TRANS-  
PORTERS WILL BE USED FOR THE SERVICE.

3. THE HONG KONG CIVIL AVIATION DEPARTMENT TOLD THE  
STANDARD THE CHINESE HAD NOT YET FILED AN APPLICATION  
FOR CHARTER SERVICE, BUT JARDINES, HONG KONG AGENT FOR  
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CHINA NATIONAL AVIATION CORPORATION, TOLD THE PAPER IT  
UNDERSTANDS THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT WILL BE RECEPTIVE  
TO SUCH APPLICATIONS IF AND WHEN THEY ARE MADE. END  
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4. BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE.COMMENT: ALTHOUGH CHINA  
HAD ALREADY OPERATED A NUMBER OF CHARTERED CARGO FLIGHTS TO

HONG KONG THIS YEAR, THERE HAS NOT BEEN PASSENGER SERVICE BETWEEN CHINESE CITIES AND HONG KONG SINCE 1949. ALTHOUGH SCHEDULED PASSENGER FLIGHTS WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE IN THE ABSENCE OF A FORMAL UK-PRC AIR TRANSPORT AGREEMENT, THE CHINESE MAY BE ABLE TO CONTINUE CHARTERED PASSENGER SERVICE TO CANTON FOLLOWING THE CLOSING OF THE CANTON FAIR.

5. THIS REPORT HAS BEEN GENERALLY SUBSTANTIATED BY HONG KONG GOVERNMENT SOURCES.  
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